

Appl. No. 10/661,652

Reply to Office action of Nov. 9, 2005

Docket. No.: 022.0008 (1630)

REMARKS

In the November 9, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 17-40, 43, and 44, and rejected claims 2-15, 41, and 42. Claims 2-15 and 17-44 (42 total claims; 4 independent claims) remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-15 and 17-44 have been rejected under Section 103 based on a variety of combinations of references. More particularly, claims 41-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/01139822 (the “Infanti reference”) in view of the Huang reference. Claims 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Lanzl reference as modified by the Huang reference and further in view of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2003/0125725 (the “Woodward reference,” of record). Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Lanzl reference as modified by Huang and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,809,699 (the “Chen reference,” of record). Claims 14-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Lanzl reference as modified by the Huang reference and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,061,036 (the “MacDonald reference,” of record). All of these rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 41, as well as claims 2-9 and 42 which variously depend from claim 41, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,353,406 (the “Lanzl reference,” of record) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,220,335 (the “Huang reference,” of record).

To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation to modify a reference or to combine the teachings of multiple references. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Third, the prior art must teach or suggest all of the recited claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, not in Applicants’ disclosure. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not met all of the above criteria.

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